

Testing for Lead Poisoning

Connecticut Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Program
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Blood lead tests will tell approximately how much lead is in your child's blood at the time of the test. Here is what your results mean:

Below 10 mcg/dl
Below 10 micrograms
of lead per deciliter
of blood

You should consider having your child tested again in 1 year.

11–14 mcg/dl
11–14 micrograms
of lead per deciliter
of blood

Your child needs to be tested within 3 months. *Look for lead hazards in your home.*

15–19 mcg/dl
15–19 micrograms
of lead per deciliter
of blood

Your child needs to be tested within 2 months. *Make your home lead-safe.*

20–44 mcg/dl
20–44 micrograms
of lead per deciliter
of blood

Your child needs to be re-tested in 1 week to 1 month. *Lead hazards must be found and reduced. Your home must be tested for lead by your local health department.*

45–59 mcg/dl
45–59 micrograms
of lead per deciliter
of blood

Your child needs to be re-tested within 48 hours. *Your child needs to have medical treatment quickly and may need to be in the hospital. Lead hazards in the home must be found and removed. Your child needs a lead-safe home.*

60–69 mcg/dl
60–69 micrograms
of lead per deciliter
of blood

Your child needs to be re-tested within 24 hours. *Your child will probably be hospitalized. You should talk with a staff person at a Regional Lead Treatment Center. All lead hazards must be eliminated. Your home needs to be free of lead hazards so your child can get better.*

70 mcg/dl or above
70 or more
micrograms of lead
per deciliter of blood

This is a medical emergency. *Your child needs to be re-tested immediately and referred to a Regional Lead Treatment Center. Specialized medical treatment and hospitalization is necessary. All lead hazards must be removed.*



YOUR CHILD

Your child has a blood lead level of _____

Your child needs to be re-tested by _____

Your child's next appointment is _____

Things you should do for your child now:

Have all other children living in your home tested for lead poisoning!

**Ask your doctor or Regional Lead Treatment Center
for more information on lead poisoning or call the
Connecticut Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Program at (860) 509-7299.**

Your doctor is:

Your local health department is:

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